

Rest a While, You Cruel Cares

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Cantus

Rest a while, you cru - el cares,
If I speak, my words want weight,
Nev - er hour of pleas - ing rest

Altus

Rest a while, you cru - el cares,
If I speak, my words want weight,
Nev - er hour of pleas - ing rest

Tenor

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Bassus

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be not more se - vere than Love,
am I mute, my heart doth break.
shall re - vive my dy - ing ghost,

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Beau - ty kills and Beau - ty spares,
If I sigh, she fears de - ceit,
'Till my soul hath re - po - sses'd

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and sweet smiles sad sighs re - move:
sor - row then for me must speak:
the sweet hope which Love hath lost:

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sor - row then for me must speak:
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Lau - ra, fair queen of my de - light,
Cru - el, un - kind, with fav - our that view,
Lau - ra, re - deem the soul that dies,

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come, grant me love in Love's de - spite,
the wound that first of was made by you;
by fu - ry of your mur - d'ring eyes,

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and if I ev - er fail to hon - our
 and if my tor - ments ev - er feign - ed
 and if it ev - er proves un - kind to

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thee, Let this heav - 'nly light I
 be, Let this heav - 'nly light I
 thee, Let this heav - n'ly light I

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see be as dark as Hell to
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me. Let this heav - 'nly light I
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me.
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8 me.
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